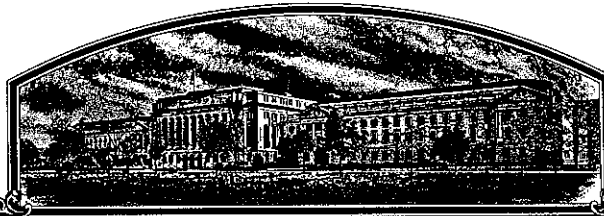


No.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Asgrow Seed Company

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (STAT. 1942, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'A0949'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D. C. this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six.

Attest:

Kenneth H. Eno
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Richard E. Lyng
Secretary of Agriculture

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) ASGROW SEED COMPANY		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	3. VARIETY NAME A0949
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 9620-190-25 Gull Road, Bldg. 190 Kalamazoo, MI 49001		5. PHONE (Include area code) 616-385-6605	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8600101
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max	7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING DATE March 22, 1986 TIME 10:00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.
8. KIND NAME Soybean	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION September, 1982		AMOUNT FOR FILING \$ 1800.00 DATE March 27, 1986 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE \$ 200.00 DATE November 3, 1986
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation			12. DATE OF INCORPORATION March 22, 1968
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware			
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS John A. Batcha 9620-190-25 Asgrow Seed Co. Gull Road, Bldg. 190 Kalamazoo, MI 49001 PHONE (Include area code): 616-385-6605			
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.) d. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety. e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.			
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified	
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT John A. Batcha		DATE March 21, 1986	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE	

EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of A0949

- 1979 The cross between two public varieties, Vickery*Evans, was made the summer of 1979 in Ontario.
- 1980 The F₁ generation was grown in Ontario.
- 1981 The F₂ generation was grown in Ontario.
- 1981-82 The F₃ generation was grown in a winter nursery in Belize, Central America, and 150 F₃ plants were selected from the bulk population and threshed individually.
- 1982 One hundred thirty-nine F₃-derived progeny rows in the F₄ generation were grown at Georgetown, Ontario. In September, 1982, progeny row 79015-W82-524 from the cross of Vickery*Evans was selected and harvested in bulk. The seeds were checked and verified for uniform seed coat luster and hilum color.
- It was in September, 1982, that 79015-W82-524 was determined to be a stable and unique line.
- 1983 79015-W82-524 was entered in the Preliminary yield test, 83P055, Entry 24, which was grown at Wallaceburg, Ontario. It produced uniform stands and was selected for its high yield and Group 0 maturity.
- 1984 79015-W82-524 was entered in the Strain S051 yield test, Entry 27, which was grown at 4 location in Minnesota.
- One hundred forty F₆ plants were pulled in October, 1984, at Blomkest, Minnesota, from 79015-W82-524 (84S051-27). The plants were threshed individually and all uniform plants with grey pubescence, brown pods, and seed with dull seed coats and yellow hila were bulked to form 5 pounds of seed.
- This seed was increased two times during the winter in Puerto Rico. 79015-W82-524 was assigned the designation, X0949.
- 1985 X0949 was entered in the Variety V050 yield test, Entry 7, which was grown at 7 locations in Minnesota and Ontario.
- There were 378 fifty-pound units of cleaned seed produced on 9 acres at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, in 1985.
- X0949 was nominated for release and full production and assigned the designation, A0949.

Trial evaluations in 1984 and 1985 indicate that A0949 is uniform and stable. As with other soybean varieties, variants can occur for almost any characteristic during the course of repeated sexual production.

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PVP Application A0949 Soybean
March, 1986

EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement Concerning A0949 Soybean

To our knowledge the soybean varieties that most closely resemble A0949 are Simpson, Dawson and Evans. Characteristics which differentiate A0949, but are not necessarily restricted to the following:

1. Flower Color:

A0949 = White
Simpson = Purple
Dawson = Purple
Evans = White

2. Hilum Color:

A0949 = Yellow
Simpson = Buff
Dawson = Yellow
Evans = Yellow

3. Reactions to Powdery Mildew (Microsphaera diffusa):

A0949 = Resistant
Simpson = Susceptible
Dawson = Susceptible
Evans = Resistant

4. Reactions to Races of Phytophthora megasperma f. sp. glycinea:

		RACE								
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	
A0949	=	R	R	R	S	S	R	R	R	
Simpson	=	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Dawson	=	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Evans	=	R	R	S	S	S	S	S	S	

R = Resistant
S = Susceptible

5. Number of days maturity:

A0949 = 120
Simpson = 120
Dawson = 118
Evans = 117

LSD (.05) = 0.7

A0949 is a late Group 0 maturity variety that has higher yields than Simpson, Dawson or Evans.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) ASGROW SEED COMPANY	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME A0949
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Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,).

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = ≤ 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2 ; T/W = ≤ 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2 ; L/T ratio = ≤ 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2 ; T/W > 1.2)

2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify) _____

6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a)2 = Type B (SP1^b)

9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

2

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

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12. LEAF COLOR:

2

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

13. FLOWER COLOR:

1

1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

14. POD COLOR:

2

1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

1

1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

2

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

17. PLANT HABIT:

3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

18. MATURITY GROUP:

0 2

1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V
9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

0

Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

0

Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

0

Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

0

Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojae*)

0

Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Race 4 Race 5 Other (Specify)

0

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)

0

Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)

2

Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

1

Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)

0

Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

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19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

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FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)

Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)

Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)

Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)

Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Race 4 Race 5 Race 6 Race 7

Race 8 Race 9 Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)

Race 1 Race 2 Race 3 Race 4 Other (Specify) _____

Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)

Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)

Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)

Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)

Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)

OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)

Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)

Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	Evans	Seed Coat Luster	Evans
Leaf Shape	Evans	Seed Size	Evans
Leaf Color	Evans	Seed Shape	Evans
Leaf Size	Evans	Seedling Pigmentation	Evans

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
A0949 Submitted	120	1.8	89	72	118	40.7	20.0	20.6	
Evans Name of Similar Variety	117	1.7	88	68	114	39.7	20.6	19.0	

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EXHIBIT E

Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership

A0949 was selected, purified and increased by plant breeders of Asgrow Seed Company. Asgrow Seed Company is the sole owner and holds all rights to A0949.